(TUE) 09-24-91

Memorial Service for

TO:
MR ROBERT D. COLLIER (A REVEREND) INSTRUCTOR, HISTORY DEPT C/O BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL

ST/BERKELEY, CA-94704,

Thanks for Condolences!

Roosevelt V. Shabazz

P.S. Please phone me... if you get this!

"WE REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE SHALL BE CHANGED, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE. THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE; AND WE WHO ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN ARE GOING TO MEET HIM IN THE SKY."
THE LOVE FOR ELDER McELROY WILL REMAIN WITH US, FOR LOVE CAN NEVER BE MORE THAN A THOUGHT APART, FOR AS LONG AS WE CHERISH THE LOVING MEMORIES, HIS LOVE WILL REMAIN ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.

Pastor Roosevelt V. McElroy

Saturday, Sept. 7, 1991, 11:00 a.m.

Hillside Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
2561 North Fair Oaks Avenue
Altadena, California 91001
Elder M. L. Bereal, Pastor

Superintendent James Stovall, Jr., Officiant

THE OBITUARY

"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS."

PSALM CHAPTER 116, VERSE 15.

AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOMEGOING OF ELDER ROOSEVELT V. McELROY. WE REFLECT ON HIS BEGINNINGS. ROOSEVELT V. McELROY WAS BORN MARCH 4, 1904 TO THE UNION OF ALEXANDER AND ISABELLA McELROY IN SALINE COUNTY, HASKELL, ARKANSAS. HE RECEIVED HIS FORMAL EDUCATION IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. HE ACCEPTED CHRIST AT AN EARLY AGE AND UNITED WITH MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LITTLE ROCK. HE LATER RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST. ACCEPTED HIS CALLING TO THE MINISTRY, AND WAS ORDAINED BY THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST.

ELDER McELROY WAS PRECEDED BY THREE WIVES IN DEATH. TO THE UNION OF ANNIE LYDIA WALTERS, THREE CHILDREN WERE BORN. TO THE UNION OF MARY LILLIE HALL FOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN, AND TO THE UNION OF MARY EMMA TWYMAN, ONE SON WAS BORN. HE LATER MET AND MARRIED WILLA STEWART OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

ELDER ROOSEVELT V. McELROY WAS IN THE MINISTRY FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS. HE PASTORED TWO CHURCHES: GOSPEL TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST AND GREATER MT. ZION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST BOTH OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. HE WAS ALSO A CONTRACTOR, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST WEST ANGELES EDIFICE ON FIFTH AVENUE AT ADAMS BLVD. IN LOS ANGELES, GRACE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, LOS ANGELES, CA., AND THE REMODELING OF CROUCH STATE TEMPLE (C. O. G. I. C.) HE ENJOYED PLAYING THE CYMBALS, WATCHING SPORTS EVENTS ON TELEVISION, BUT HIS HIGHEST PRIORITY WAS READING AND STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD. HE WOULD FAST AND PRAY WEEKLY.

REV. McELROY FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT. HE FINISHED HIS COURSE, HE KEPT THE FAITH. HE WAS UNMOVABLE ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD. FOR HE KNEW HIS LABOR WAS NOT IN VAIN. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1991 AT 8:30 AM HE FOUND REST FROM HIS LABOR AND THE LORD RECEIVED HIM FOR HIS ETERNAL REST.

LOVE BEARETH ALL THINGS, BELIEVETH ALL THINGS, HOPETH ALL THINGS. THE VERY ESSENCE OF THAT LOVE SHALL REMAIN CONSTANT IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF HIS LOVING AND DEVOTED WIFE, WILLA STEWART-McELROY; EIGHT CHILDRREN; ROOSEVELT VERNON McELROY-SHABAZZ, MALLORY BROWN, EITHAN R. McELROY ROSEMARY ELLISON, CHARLES M. McELROY, TWYMAN McELROY, PATRICIA LOUISE HALL, AND RUTH ESTHER LANIER. 21 GRANDCHILDREN; NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, AND

A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

Order of Service

Organ Processional	Elder Thomas Bereal
Prayer	Elder West Griffin
Old Testament Scripture	Psalm 23 Elder Wesley Johnson
New Testament Scripture	St. John 14:1-7 Elder Lonny Bereal
Selection	"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
Solo	Sister Roberta Glenn
Remarks	(2 Minutes) Elder Pleas Thomas Elder F. J. Goodman Brother Edgar Huntly Elder E. W. Harding
Selection	"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
Solo	Sister Rosetta Ferris
Remarks	(2 Minutes) Elder M. L. Bereal Elder David Mayfield Mother Josephine Johnson District Missionary Frances Harris
Resolutions	Greater Mount Zion Church of God in Christ Sis. Bamma Jones Progressive Pasadena District, Eld. Steve Dedeaux
Acknowledgements of Condolences	Mrs. Elaine Watson
Selection	"Precious Lord"
Solo	Patricia McElroy
Obituary	Mrs. Alma Monroe
Eulogy	Bishop Charles E. Blake Prelate, Southern California, First Jurisdiction
The Parting View	

Interment

Green Acres Memorial Gardens
Bloomington, California

Active Pallbearers

Charles Williams
Lois Ellison
Benell Felton
Ralph Sterling
Elgin Gardenhire
Henry Wilfong

Honorary Pallbearers

Ethan McElroy
Charles Mason McElroy
Andre Jones
Horace Monroe
Richard Gardenhire
Tim Bellard

Appreciation

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the Memorial Service.

Directors

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